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## THE AMERICAN'S CREED.

I believe in the United States of America as a govern-  
ment of the people, by the people, for the people, whose  
just powers are derived from the consent of the governed;  
a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many  
sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable,  
established upon those principles of freedom, equality, jus-  
tice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed  
their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty  
to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to  
obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against  
all enemies.

## PROSPECT OF PAYMENT.

ROUGHLY put, Germany has approximately 78 bil-  
lions of wealth and they demand that she pay some-  
thing like 200 billions.

It looks like an impossibility. It is a certainty that she  
must have time and such help as anxious creditors are wil-  
ling to give in the spirit of "business is business."

Studying history, we discover that one of the Germans'  
strongholds in money-making lay in "Made in Germany,"  
meaning that their foreign-sold goods had certain superior  
attractions due to superior material and workmanship and  
cheapness. But "Made in Germany" is pretty thoroughly  
accursed throughout a considerable part of the world. Will  
this taboo prevail when it is solely a matter of Germany's  
paying her debts? Your psychological attitude toward a  
fellow whose head you are trying to punch differs from that  
when you are trying to collect a bill from him. In the view  
of a good part of the world, this old Teutonic trade-mark  
may come to read: "Made in Germany; proceeds to go  
to France and Belgium."

History also is to the effect that thousands of Germany's  
rich autocrats, headed by the kaiser, made heavy invest-  
ments in foreign parts, in realty, manufactures and securi-  
ties. Why should a Socialist government of Germany hesi-  
tate to turn these properties over as part payment of Ger-  
many's debt? Lord, it looks like an especially blessed  
opportunity of Socialism. In addition, there are in foreign  
parts, the United States included, enemy alien Germans  
possessing property in appropriating which to pay the fat-  
terland's just war debt there could be no moral obstacle.

And recent war history testifies that Germany's tax rate  
has been ridiculously low compared to that of Britain,  
France and Italy. Germany simply bet on securing big  
indemnities, and, in the case of Belgium, at least, did col-  
lect them as she went along. The rich of Germany, the

clement that profited greatly through militarism and more  
through warfare, has borne a lower tax rate on income  
than has been imposed upon any of the other belligerents,  
save the United States.

## MEMORY.

If you tie a string around your finger, that's what they  
call mnemonics or the art of improving the memory.

There are times, however, when we don't want to re-  
member at all. There are people (the kaiser, for instance,  
and the Prussian governor of Belgium) we would like to  
forget.

There ought to be tricks in forgetting just as there are  
tricks in remembering.

We have all done mean little things we would like to  
forget. The same scientists who are studying mnemonics  
and how to improve the memory ought to show us how to  
wreck our memories—those we don't want.

If we could tie a string around the finger and forget, how  
easy that would be. Then Bill Higgins, sore at Lizzie  
Jones because Lizzie Jones says she'll never, never, never  
marry him, could just tie a string around his finger and fix  
it up to forget Lizzie Jones forever and ever.

After mnemonics, the art of improving the memory, is  
well developed, we should like to see a new science, the  
art of improving our "forgettery" come along.

## THE NEW CONGRESS.

THE task that the congress which convened today will  
face is so vast, so complicated and so fraught with  
political possibilities that it is too much to expect that it  
will get away with all of it, but the body will come as  
straight from the people as it is possible to come under our  
system and there can be no doubt that it will be able to  
clear the atmosphere in Washington a lot.

Officials who for several years have felt that the govern-  
ment was their private snap will be made to realize that  
it is very much the public's business. The grip that a  
handful of southern politicians have had on affairs will  
be loosened, and the government will again become na-  
tional in its scope and sympathies.

If nothing else is done that will pay for the change in  
control, but many other things will be done unless the Re-  
publican leadership should prove to be ineffective, and there  
is not much room for apprehension on that score. Indeed,  
while it is impossible to make intelligent forecasts of what  
a body confronted with so many responsibilities will do,  
there is every reason to hope that the reconstruction congress  
will be a most notable body which will reflect great credit  
upon the Republican party and help a lot in restoring that  
party to power in 1920.

There has been another flare up in the government  
at Washington and Henry D. Lindsey, director of the  
treasury's bureau of war risk insurance, is out. Both  
he and Secretary Glass are issuing statements, and other  
removals or resignations are in prospect. The public  
will be interested in this only because it is further evi-  
dence of the incompetency which has crept into the de-  
partments while Mr. Wilson is away making a peace  
treaty and his cabinet officers who remain at home  
devote most of their time to playing politics.

The Methodist Centenary campaign got a very good  
start in this city. This undertaking is one of the most  
ambitious any church ever attempted, but the Meth-  
odists have a record of doing things and there is every  
prospect that they will make good now.

One of the matters that will have early consideration  
in the new congress will be a revision of the immigra-  
tion laws to make it harder for radical aliens to get into  
this country and to throw greater safeguards about the  
right of acquired American citizenship. The ex-  
perience through which the country has passed since  
the great war broke out has changed the popular atti-  
tude toward these matters and there probably will be  
no effort to prevent the passage of the proposed new  
legislation.

Advices from Berlin are to the effect that the German  
government expects to raise \$5,000,000,000 by taxes  
on incomes of the rich. While the war was going  
on Germany was the only belligerent that did not try  
to pay a portion of the cost by taxation. The German  
statesmen relied on winning and recouping the national  
treasury through indemnities. The result of that kind  
of financing is that the Germans will have to pay after  
it is all over, and that is going to lead to no end of  
bitterness. About a year from now the people of Ger-  
many will begin to understand fully what it means to  
lose a great war.

It is clear from the performance already made that  
crossing the Atlantic in a flying machine is a possibility,  
and it would not be at all surprising to have air ships  
become a commonplace before very long. The distin-  
guishing character of the age in which we live is the  
speed with which we travel along the line of progress.  
An idea is born one morning and the next one it be-  
comes a concrete fact.

for Connecticut where her husband  
has been located for some time.

Miss Elsie Merrill of Fairmont was  
visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hall  
Sunday.

Miss Sina Holbert of Fairmont was  
visiting with relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Floyd Morris of Fairmont, was  
visiting Mr. and Mrs. Emory Morris  
Sunday.

Rohi Dillow of Fairmont was a so-  
cial caller in this city Sunday even-  
ing.

Harold Surgen of Fairmont was vis-  
iting his sister Mrs. William Cornell  
Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Coon of Shins-  
ton motored to this city Sunday.

## MEMORIAL DAY PLANS ARE MADE

Parade in the Afternoon  
Will Be the Big  
Feature.

The monster parade which will be  
the big feature of the home coming cele-  
bration to be staged in this city on  
May thirtieth in honor of returned sol-  
diers and sailors will take place on  
Friday May 30 at 2:30 o'clock instead  
of in the morning as had been previous-  
ly planned.

This action was taken at a meeting  
of the general committee held in the  
offices of Chairman J. Walter Barnes  
on Saturday afternoon. The morn-  
ing will be utilized in the annual mem-  
orial services of the G. A. R.

The line of parade has been announced  
and will be as follows: The soldiers  
and sailors will form in a battalion at  
South Side Park at one o'clock. All  
orders and organizations participating  
in the parade will form at the Beverly  
road and the country club road and the  
school children will meet at Eighth  
street and Gaston avenue. Other or-  
ganizations will fall in as directed by  
the marshal of the parade. The line  
of march will be down Fairmont av-  
enue up Main street to Quincy street  
to Jackson, down Jackson to Monroe  
street where various units will drop  
out of formation but the soldiers and  
sailors will continue Jackson street to  
Cleveland avenue and thence up Main  
street to the Court House.

All vehicles will be barred from the  
parade with the exception of floats  
that are of an exclusively patriotic na-  
ture.

Charman of music Ira L. Smith has  
a fine line up of bands for the days and  
all plans are moving forward nicely.

Those present at the meeting were  
Trevy Nuter, Kemble White, Rev. C.  
E. Goodwin, Rev. W. J. Eddy, Anthony  
Bowen, A. G. Martin, H. T. Amos, J.  
W. Barnes, A. J. Kern, J. V. Williams,  
S. D. Goodman, Rev. C. B. Mitchell,  
Kenna Clark, W. A. Husted, Ira L.  
Smith, C. E. Smith, C. W. Evans, Capt.  
O'Brien, Rev. J. E. Wells, Harry  
Shaw, L. C. Fitzhugh and Mrs. J. A.  
Meredith.

The decoration committee proposes  
to have city beautifully decorated for  
the occasion and to this end will ask  
the cooperation of the general public.  
It is also proposed to have community  
singing in front of the court house  
where the speaking is to take place.  
The speaker for the occasion has not  
been announced as yet.

## Southern Methodists Are Over Subscribing

The campaign which the Southern  
Methodist Episcopal denomination is  
waging to raise a large sum of money  
to be devoted to missions known as the  
Methodist Centenary movement was  
launched in this city yesterday and is  
forging ahead with gratifying results.  
Messages received by director for the  
Fairmont district Rott A. Watts, are  
to the effect that in many instances  
churches are over subscribing their  
quotas and that the outlook is most  
encouraging.

Stuart H. Bowman, director for the  
state of West Virginia, wired Mr.  
Watts to the effect that the same con-  
dition prevails practically over the  
entire state and by the end of the  
week he confidently expects each  
church to have reached its obligation.

Our  
Blouse Section  
Overflows  
With Attractive  
Values.

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Summer  
Frocks  
Now Bid for  
Your  
Inspection

## Better for Us to Make Room for Summer Apparel and a Rare Opportunity for You to Possess

A Stylish Courtney Model

## Suit

The Continuation of  
Our May Sale of Suits  
For This Week

Will afford ample opportunity for those  
who were unable to attend last Saturday.

The low sums that this sale prices these  
distinctive suits at makes truly remark-  
able savings possible. Here are many mod-  
els you have seen and admired, But that  
can Now Be Secured at Many Dollars Less  
Than Their Actual Worth. Incomparable  
at Original Prices!

Compelling at Sale Prices!

Courtneys'	\$25.00 Suits, Now .....	\$18.75
Courtneys'	\$29.50 Suits, Now .....	\$22.13
Courtneys'	\$35.00 Suits, Now .....	\$26.25
Courtneys'	\$39.50 Suits, Now .....	\$26.63

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Is the Price for this May Sale for superb  
garments that were formerly most mod-  
erately priced from \$42.50 to \$85.00.

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Dependable Merchandise



## Service Men, Fill This In

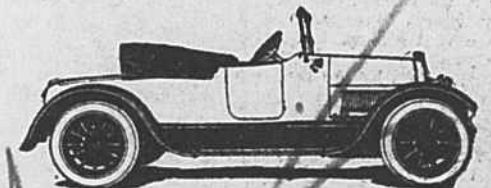
To be filled in and mailed Homer Toothman, President, Returned  
Service Men's Organization, Fairmont, W. Va.  
I want to be in the parade May thirtieth. I'll spruce up my uni-  
form and wear it if I've got one, and if I haven't I'll come anyway.

My name is.....

Rank .....

Postoffice.....  
I'll be right on hand at South Side park when the bugle blows.

# Cadillac



In this model Cadillac qualities of safety, long  
life, comfort and roadability are combined with a  
body whose horizontal lines and exterior curves are  
significant of its ability to travel fast.

The top is consistent with the smooth, clean de-  
sign of the body. Besides the full lining and bevel-  
ed glass in the rear window, a special feature is the  
rounded bow at the back, which replaces the usual  
sharp angle. Unique construction has eliminated  
the customary side braces.

Emergency seats for two are concealed at the  
rear. Ample carrying space is provided in a com-  
partment behind the driver's seat and under the  
rear deck.

Ask us for details of construction and speci-  
fications in full.

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H. J. WILSON, Representative.

## Advantage of Co-operation

The advantage of co-operation is being emphasized at present in  
all lines of business.

An account with us gives us an opportunity to become acquainted  
with you and you with us. It will be beneficial to both.

There are many ways in which our service will be useful to you.

The Peoples National Bank  
of Fairmont  
Capital \$200,000

## RUFF STUFF

The guy who marks up the trains  
at the Bando station evidently does  
not give a hang where he goes to  
when he dies.

He was pretty good Saturday night,  
being only an hour off.

If one did not know the Bando they  
might be inclined to think that was  
simply a slip.

But the folks who live around here  
know that the real explanation was  
that no one knew when the darned old  
train was going to get in.

Girls who live out Locust avenue  
way say that if wide skirts ever come  
back they will have to take to the  
streets rounding the creamery corner.

After the ice cream cans are all  
placed there is only room for one girl  
to get past now.

Evidently the Astonisher has added  
a bolshevik to its staff.

If that's not the explanation what  
does that Sunday Mustangs stuff mean?

Author sure has a tender place in  
his heart for the Teuts.

Reports from the various efforts to  
fly across the Atlantic indicate that  
it will be some time before it is ex-  
actly a pleasure trip.

At that it is not nearly so perilous  
an undertaking as the one your old  
friend Christopher Columbus and his  
crew set out on several centuries ago.

European reports say that Count  
von Brockdorff-Rantzau has bolted

and will not be present when the time  
comes to sign the peace treaty.

Lot of difference that makes.

Incident throws a lot of light on the  
self consciousness of the German offi-  
cial class however.

The weather man seems today to  
be turning out a sample of real May  
weather.

About time, too.

**TODAY IN STATE HISTORY**  
By E. E. MEREDITH

At one time government's not only  
sent soldiers into war in their own  
country and in foreign countries but  
they actually sold soldiers to other  
governments in times of war and some  
of these located in West Virginia at-  
ter the Revolutionary war. Those  
coming to West Virginia were Hessians  
who were forced by Germany to fight  
against the people of the United  
States.

In those days soldiers girls were not  
permitted the same latitude in the se-  
lection of a husband that they now  
have and one of these Hessians came  
into Ritchie county, according to what  
is considered one of the best county  
histories of West Virginia (written by  
Minnie Kendall Lowther, editor of the  
Upshur Record) and married a Rich-  
mond county girl who was only fourteen.

The Hessian soldier's name was Wal-  
deck. He was a bachelor; age 40. He  
established himself in the county and  
his place was known as "Bachelor's  
Home." One day David W. Sleeth  
dropped in and told him he should get  
married. "My daughter Mary, is only  
a little girl," he said, but she'd make  
some man a good wife." Waldeck, who  
had seen enough of force in his soldier  
experience said he would not think of

such a thing unless the girl was "wil-  
ling." She was approached. She look-  
ed the bachelor over. They were mar-  
ried shortly after. And, as far as his-  
tory shows, they "lived happily ever  
afterward."

## MONONGAH

Class Entertained.  
The Junior High School class of  
Thoburn entertained the Senior class  
at the home of Miss Mary Leeper on  
last Friday evening.

Visiting.  
Miss June McNear and Miss Vera  
Paul of Hutchinson were visiting their  
friends in Monongah Saturday even-  
ing.

Auto Accident.  
Wain Harden accidentally ran over a  
small boy at White Rock Sunday with  
his automobile. The child was so se-  
riously hurt that it was necessary to  
take it to the hospital.

Monongah Defeated.  
The Monongah boys who went to  
Fairmont last Friday night to a contest  
game in the bowling alley there were  
defeated by the Fairmont boys.

Downs Victorious.  
Downs defeated Monongah at Trac-  
tion Park Sunday the game being 4 to  
2 in favor of Downs.

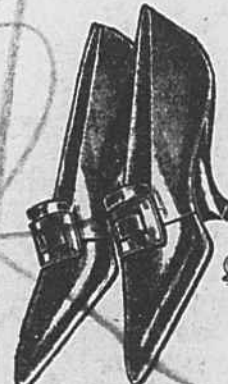
Of the large crowd at Traction Park  
Sunday not more than half the people  
watched the ball game. Many seemed  
to be in the park just for outing.

Personals.  
John Dodd of Kingsmont was in town  
Sunday calling on friends.  
Mrs. Tony Cerino left Sunday night

## Shoes of Sincere Quality

This store offers  
footwear of a char-  
acter that gives a  
man proper com-  
fort for his feet  
and a correct firm  
foundation for the  
weight of his body.

Our manufacturers have  
built these shoes to give  
the satisfying service  
that is promised by their  
first appearance.



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season. We show the cor-  
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patterns made up of patent  
and glazed kid—Louis heels  
—long pointed toes.  
Prices \$6.50 to \$8.50.  
Extra buckles to suit each  
individual taste.  
Prices 75c to \$2.

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Welton  
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THAT SATISFY"